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SENATOR BARNETT: I'll do it real quick.

PRESIDENT: Wonderful.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'm going to have to say a couple of things to a couple of people.

PRESIDENT: You've got the floor.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'm sorry Senator Marvel feels bad about this but he shouldn't feel too bad about me. I haven't stood up too much on the floor this year and argued or delayed this issue at all or any of the issues. When you throw these bills out here on the floor, I think we're entitled to amend them. I think we're entitled to try it. I'm really sorry that we're slowing down the process to get your budget bills across the floor. I also think that any person is entitled to stand up here and try to amend it and say that we'd like to hurry it along, I think is irresponsible. I would also like to say to Senator Nichol, he definitely doesn't understand the issue. It's very plain. It is for us in my amendment to take the fourteen county probation officers that are left in the state and put them under the rest of the state probationary officers. That's all I'm doing and I don't know why that is so hard to understand for him but it is. I say that what we can do is, we would have statewide probation system now. Not a statewide and a countywide or with certain counties excluded. We pass laws and we ask the people to adopt them down here and we ask them to set up a probation system. This allows all the state probation officers to be under one direction and all under a statewide system. It lets the federal government pay for it for a couple of years letting the counties not have to pay for it where they are paying for it now. And not letting the state pay for it for two years, either. I told you we'd have to take it over in a couple of years, and I think you'll take it over anyway. This allows somebody else to pay for it for awhile. Sorry I'm taking so long on the budget bill and standing in the way of letting it fly across the floor because I don't agree with it in its entirety and therefore, I'd ask you to adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Barnett's amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 23 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Koch on page 6, line 26, strike fifty-six million three hundred twenty thousand and insert one million three hundred and twenty thousand. Page 7, line 1, strike sixty-six million nine hundred and fifty-one and insert eleven million nine hundred and fifty-one thousand. (3) On page 10, line 15, strike seventy-three million and insert eighteen million. Signed, J. Koch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, this is not